

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/531,095 Confirmation No. 5757
Applicant : Henry M. KRAUSE
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For : Trap-tagging: a Novel Method for the Identification and Purification of
RNA Protein Complexes

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Examiner : Dana H. SHIN

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 1, 2006

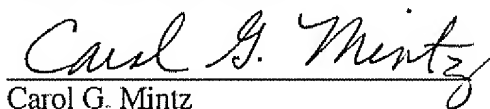
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated May 1, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1-22 are subjected to a restriction/election requirement. In reply, Applicants elect without traverse **Group III**, claims 10-17 and 20-22, drawn to an RNA fusion molecule comprising a target RNA sequence and at least two different RNA tags and a kit for detecting an RNA-protein complex comprising said RNA fusion molecule.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Conley Rose, P.C., Houston, Texas, Deposit Account No. 03-2769.

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